

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

With regard to the examiner's rejection of previously submitted claims 17-26 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, Applicant has cancelled claim 29. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the examiner's rejection with respect to independent claim 17. Applicant submits that a fair reading of the instant disclosure in combination with a view of the drawings of the instant application clearly indicate that the hollow metal part is non-slotted. There is no slot shown in the drawings nor is there any disclosure in the specification that a slot is necessary, preferred, or present in the hollow metal body of the present invention. Clearly a slot is undesirable as the prepreg when foamed in the hollow body could leak out of the "slot" if one were present. In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the examiner's contention that the disclosure does not support the term "non-slotted" is believed to be without merit and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration by the examiner of this position.

Claim 17 has been amended to set forth that the heating of the prepreg is a non-induction heating. This further

distinguishes the process of independent claim 17 from the Allen reference.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it
is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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